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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY, JR. ) Group Art Unit 3673  
Serial No. 09/742,796 ) Examiner  
Filed: December 20, 2000 ) John J. Kreck  
For: PROTECTIVE WEAR SLEEVE )  
HAVING TAPERED LOCK AND )  
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Sir: AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of  
February 11, 2002, the specification and claims are  
revised as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the entire paragraph beginning  
on page 6, line 30, through page 7, line 5, and replace  
it with the following paragraph:

In figure 2 the wear sleeve is shown inserted  
in the receiving cavity of the bit holder. The bit  
holder block has its forward end adjacent the cutting  
tool a 5.5 - 7.0 degree (angle w) tapered cavity bore,  
and at a rearward end of the bit holder cavity bore a  
cylindrical section adapted to be received in a  
manufactured rearward disc end portion 22 of the wear  
sleeve, the cylindrical section reduces fish-tailing.  
The wear sleeve has a complimentary tapered forward end  
portion 20 that is adapted to be received in the tapered  
forward end portion of the cavity bore 16.

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